

Fairbanks Area Forestry Firewood Information Update

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Members of the public may cut firewood for personal use on state lands with a permit, available at Division of Forestry offices and the Department of Natural Resources Public Information Center at 3700 Airport Way in Fairbanks. Permits cost \$5 per cord, with a three-cord minimum and 10-cord maximum per household. Permits are available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The following areas are available for wood cutting. All road conditions are weather dependent. When it rains (or snows) the roads become extremely slick and a four-wheel drive truck is strongly recommended.

Those traveling these roads should be very cautious and always remain alert for log trucks operating at private timber sales, which are marked with signs or with blue paint/pink flagging.

Standard Creek (off Old Nenana Highway). No firewood cutting between 2-5 mile. Take any dead/down spruce or any birch along road. Check all side roads, still some old decks along the road past last bridge at Dunbar (20 miles to end). WATCH FOR LOGGING TRUCKS. Road is in good shape though muddy. Watch for private commercial sales (keep out).

Standard East (take right fork at 11 mile Standard Creek Road). Road is good to the end (about 6 miles). Look for standing dead, some meager decks along road. If you can negotiate past what looks like the end of the road for about ½ mile there are still large decks. Take any dead or downed spruce or any birch along road.

Rosie Creek (about 14 miles on Parks Highway from Fairbanks past mile post 342 ((across from Old Nenana Highway sign)). Rosie Creek road forks about ¼ mile. Right Fork: Down the hill to the left, road is rough. Drive to the end, some scraps of wood left in old decks, a few standing dead. Left Fork: Take first left to the end, take tools to pull apart piles, look for standing dead. Take any standing dead or downed spruce or any birch along any of these roads.

Bonanza Creek (about 17 miles on Parks Highway from Fairbanks, top of long hill, can see gate from Parks highway, in between cut banks). This is the Experimental Forest. Road is in good shape. Whisky Island road is washed out. Take only dead or down trees.

Nenana Ridge (across from Skinny Dicks Bar on Parks Highway past mile post 338) Road is in good shape. WATCH FOR LOGGING TRUCKS. Take any dead or down spruce or any birch along road. Check out old decks of spruce, end of left at 3 mile. Watch for private commercial sales (keep out). Look for old decks of aspen/birch along right hand road at 9 mile and 10 mile.

Cache Creek (about 9 mile Murphy Dome off Goldstream) Road is in good shape. Watch for logging trucks. No firewood cutting from 0-7.5 mile (private and borough land). 7.5 mile to end cut any dead or down spruce or any birch along road. Watch for private sales (keep out). Left at 7.5 mile may still be some decks of spruce, about 2 mile on right hand side of road.

Two Rivers (18.5 mile Chena Hot Springs behind school) No woodcutting first 4 miles (private/borough land). After 4 miles cut any dead or down spruce or any birch along road. If you have a 4-wheeler there is wood along fire trail at the end of Two Rivers road at 7 mile.

Mosquito Creek (Richardson Highway across from Midway Lodge around mile post 307. Road is wet but passable. Cut any dead/down spruce or any birch along road after 2½ miles. On left fork the first left turns into a passable winter road. This is a rough road but large piles of dry/dead spruce remain. Again, this is a rough road.

Mile Post 303 Richardson Highway (marked with m.p. sign) Take left off Richardson Highway at M.P. 303 into the pit, bear right through pit. Cut any spruce/birch along road into old harvest unit. Past unit, road becomes very steep and impassable.

Canyon Creek (Mile Post 306 Richardson Highway) right off Richardson Highway. Take any dead or down spruce or any birch along road. Road is rough.